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Modifications to NOM-008-FITO-1995 on U.S.

Imported Apricots

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Report Highlights:

On April 17, 2002, Mexico's Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) published in the "Diario Oficial" (Mexican Federal Register) the modifications to NOM-008-FITO-1995, which changes the requirements that U.S. apricots must comply with when entering the country. This modification differentiates specifications to import apricots from the state of California from those from the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes a modification of a final rule published in Mexico's "Diario Oficial" (Federal Register) on April 17, 2002.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: Mexico's Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) announced in Mexico's "Diario Oficial" (Federal Register) on April 17, 2002, the modification to NOM-008-FITO that establishes the requirements to import fresh fruit and vegetables. The announcement is modifying point 4.3 of the NOM and the requirement F077 related to imported apricots from the United States.

Background: The table below summarizes the prior actions related to this NOM.

Date	Action	FAS Rpt#
10/6/1994	Published Emergency NOM	n/a
04/05/1995	Continuation and Modification of the Emergency NOM	n/a
08/14/1995	Published Proposal of the Official NOM	n/a
04/25/1996	Published answers to comments on the proposed NOM (NOTE: No comments from U.S. interests.)	n/a
07/08/1996	Published Final Official NOM	MX6093
08/02/2000	Proposed Modifications to the NOM	MX0119

Title: Modifications to the Mexican Official Norm NOM-008-FITO-1995 that establishes the requirements and specifications to import fresh fruit and vegetables.

Type of Regulation: Final.

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: April 17, 2002

2. Effective Date: April 18, 2002

Products Affected: U.S. Apricots

Agency in Charge: Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA).

Additional Important Information:

The announcement specifies the requirements to import apricots from the state of California and from the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho as follows:

- For the state of California, verification at origin and compliance with the specifications contained in the USDA/SAGARPA work plan is required. The international phytosanitary certificate must be issued at the shipping point and must state *"that the apricots in this shipment were produced and certified according to the Work Plan."*

- For the states of Washington/Oregon/Idaho, no verification at origin is required; only compliance with the specifications contained in the USDA/SAGARPA work plan is required. The international phytosanitary certificate must be issued at the shipping point and must state *"that the apricots in this shipment were produced and certified according to the Work Plan."*

Based on the fact that the requirement is a simple administrative procedure to comply with, FAS Mexico does not foresee any negative trade impact resulting from the implementation of this modification. Moreover, SAGARPA did not receive comments from interested parties during the "Public Comment Period".

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